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[By Mr. Perkins.]

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Expressing opinion of Congress in relation to the conduct of certain citizens of Louisiana within the lines, and in the presence of the enemy.

- 1 Resolved, That while Congress views, with pride, the course
- 2 pursued by the true men and women of the Confederacy, who,
- 3 falling within the lines of the enemy, have resisted all appeals
- 4 to their pecuniary interest and refused, in spite of pains and
- 5 penalties, to perjure themselves or to foreswear their own gov-
- 6 ernment by taking an oath of allegiance to support that of the
- 7 United States, it regards with peculiar satisfaction the conduct
- 8 of those citizens of Louisiana, who, by refusing the oath and
- 9 openly registering themselves enemies to the United States in
- 10 the immediate presence and in defiance of General Butler's mil-

- 11 itary authorities, have beene most noble testimony to the
- 12 martyr-like courage and patriotic spirit and Christian faith of
- 13 our people.
  - 1 Resolved, That while such conduct has secured them the pre-
  - 2 sent respect and sympathy of all good people, it will be esteemed,
  - 3 in the future, a most honorable claim upon the gratitude of their
  - 4 country, and the highest evidence of their devotion to truth and
  - 5 principle.

